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FACT SHEET

POLICE SECURITY CAMERAS INSTALLED TO INCREASE SAFETY IN SOUTH MISSION BEACH

Five cameras join previously added streetlights around Belmont Park in response to community safety concerns following sexual assaults last October

Mayor Jerry Sanders and Councilmember Kevin Faulconer today announced the installation of five high-tech police security cameras in Belmont Park. The cameras are the finishing touch of a public-private crime prevention partnership forged from the Mission Beach community's response to the sexual assaults that occurred last October in the South Mission Beach neighborhood that includes Belmont Park.

The cameras, manufactured by Dotworkz Systems, will be monitored by the San Diego Police Department in the City's Northern Division Area Station. The cameras will give police around-the-clock real-time views of Belmont Park—one of the city's busiest beach-area parks—and the surrounding parking areas. The cameras are scheduled to be fully functional on June 30.

Earlier this spring, as part of the first crime-prevention phase, eight new or upgraded streetlights were installed—six in the Belmont Park area and two on El Carmel Place near Mission Bay. Additionally, 117 streetlights were repaired or replaced throughout Pacific Beach and Mission Beach.

BELMONT PARK SECURITY CAMERAS

Number of cameras installed: 5

Area to be served: Belmont Park and the surrounding parking and beach areas.

Camera locations: S Belmont Park/Boardwalk; SE Belmont Park parking lot; NW Belmont Park parking lot; NE corner Ventura Lane/Mission Blvd.; Belmont Park Lifeguard Tower.

Cameras to be monitored by: San Diego Police Department Northern Division Area Station.

Cost of the security system: \$105,000

Funding: \$80,000 in Proposition 40 state park bond funds; \$30,000 in private donations administered by the San Diego Police Foundation.

Purpose of the cameras: Deter crime; provide faster police response times; create a video record of incidents and crimes in the region to help solve crimes and strategize for future crime prevention efforts.

Manufacturer: Dotworkz Systems

